



## ALTERNATIVE MOTORCYCLE OPERATOR SKILL TEST (ALMOST)

The Alternate Motorcycle Operator Skill Test (ALMOST) is an off-street test conducted by a driver licensing examiner. To pass this test you must successfully complete the six exercises described below. These exercises are designed to reveal basic control and accident avoidance skills. A practice guide for this test is available upon request.

**Stalls Engine** — Points will be assessed each time you stall your engine.

**Exercise 1 & 2** — Starting from a full stop, accelerate in a straight line to exercise 1 where you will make a sharp left turn. Stay within the lines and do not put a foot down. Continue around the test track to exercise 2 which is a normal stop. Make a smooth non-skidding stop with your front tire in the painted box. Do not touch the line. Wait for a signal to continue.

**Exercise 3 & 4** — Begin exercise 3, the cone weave, by riding to the left of the first cone, and continue weaving past all of the cones. Continue on to exercise 4 – the U-turn. You will complete a right U-turn in the 20-foot marked area (If your motorcycle is more than 500 cc, you will have 24 feet to complete the U-turn.) Stop and wait for a signal to continue.

**Exercise 5** — From a full stop, accelerate in a straight line through the timing zone. Stop as fast as you safely can, after your front tire crosses the second line. You will not lose points if you skid. Wait for a signal to continue. Your speed should be between 12 - 20 mph through the timing zone.

**Exercise 6** — From a full stop, ride through the timing zone at 12 - 20 mph. When your front tire passes the second line, swerve right or left, as instructed. Avoid the obstacle line but stay inside boundary line.

### General Instructions

You have the right to stop the test at any time. Inform the examiner that you do not want to continue the test. The examiner will tell you the conditions for taking the test at a later date.

The examiner may stop the test if any of the following occurs:

- Fail to demonstrate basic control skills
- Accumulate more than the maximum number of points
- Commit an unsafe act
- Fail to understand or follow directions
- Inclement weather, including temperatures 105° and above
- Mechanical failure
- Fall or drop the motorcycle while on the test track.

The motorcycle you use for this test must be in good mechanical condition, properly registered, and have all equipment required by Arizona law.

**Protective Gear** — Must be worn during testing:

Helmet	D.O.T. approved motorcycle helmet in good condition properly fastened (may waive if 18 or older)
Gloves	Designed for use when operating a motorcycle or other gloves that permit freedom to operate controls
Clothing	Long pants and a jacket or long sleeve shirt
Footwear	Boots or shoes that cover the ankle made of sturdy material that do not interfere with operation of motorcycle controls
Eye Protection	Face shield, goggles, safety glasses or protective windshield

**Testing Locations and Hours** – Visit [www.azdot.gov](http://www.azdot.gov) or call Phoenix 602-712-8072, Tucson 520-629-9808, elsewhere in Arizona 800-251-5866, (Hearing/Speech Impaired–TDD systems only: Phoenix 602-712-3222, elsewhere 800-324-5425).

